

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1-7. (canceled).

8. (previously presented): A printing plate packaging box comprising:

a box main body which accommodates a bundle of photosensitive printing plates, which are not sealed within a light-shielding wrapper, and which is provided with a supply opening through which the photosensitive printing plates are taken out;

an opening/closing lid which is removably attached to said box for opening/closing the supply opening; and

a light-shielding member which prevents direct entry of light from outside into the inside of the box main body, provided in the vicinity of a zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in an assembled state, the light-shielding member being connected to the opening/closing lid such that the light-shielding member blocks the direct entry of light from outside into the inside of the box through the zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in the assembled state.

9-10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended): A printing plate packaging box according to claim 8, wherein a sheet-type material of which surface is smooth and air tight is adhered onto ~~the an~~ outer surface of said opening/closing lid.

12-26. (canceled).

27. (previously presented): A printing plate packaging box according to claim 8, wherein said opening/closing lid is disposed on a top surface of the box main body.

28-29. (canceled).

30. (previously presented): A combination of a printing plate packaging box and a bundle of photosensitive printing plates, comprising:

said bundle of photosensitive printing plates which are not sealed within a light shielding wrapper; and

said printing plate packaging box including;

a box main body which accommodates said bundle of photosensitive printing plates and which is provided with a supply opening through which said photosensitive printing plates are taken out;

an opening/closing lid which is removably attached to said box for opening/closing the supply opening; and

a light-shielding member being connected to the opening/closing lid such that the light-shielding member blocks the direct entry of light from outside into inside of the box through a zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in the assembled state.

31-32. (canceled).

33. (new): A printing plate packaging box comprising:

a box main body which accommodates a bundle of photosensitive printing plates, which are not sealed within a light-shielding wrapper, and which is provided with a supply opening through which the photosensitive printing plates are taken out;

an opening/closing lid which is for opening/closing the supply opening, the lid being detachable from the box; and

a light-shielding member which prevents direct entry of light from outside into the inside of the box main body, provided in the vicinity of a zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in an assembled state, the light-shielding member being connected to the opening/closing lid such that the light-shielding member blocks the direct entry of light from outside into the inside of the box through the zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in the assembled state.

34. (new): A printing plate packaging box according to claim 33,

wherein a sheet-type material of which surface is smooth and air tight is adhered onto an outer surface of said opening/closing lid and the sheet-type material is positioned to be parallel with the bundle of photosensitive printing plates.

35. (new): A printing plate packaging box according to claim 33,

wherein the light-shielding member is configured such that an inner portion of the light-shielding member is in sliding contact with an outermost portion of the box main body when the lid is removed from the box main body.

36. (new): A printing plate packaging box according to claim 8,  
wherein the light-shielding member is configured such that an inner portion of the light-shielding member is in sliding contact with an outermost portion of the box main body when the lid is removed from the box main body.

37. (new): A combination of a printing plate packaging box and a bundle of  
photosensitive printing plates according to claim 30,  
wherein the light-shielding member is configured such that an inner portion of the light-shielding member is in sliding contact with an outermost portion of the box main body when the lid is removed from the box main body.